

# Zion Mennonite Church

Zion Mennonite Church covenants to grow together as a Christ-centered community, worshipping God, extending our Anabaptist branch into our world, bearing the lasting fruit of discipleship, and planting the seeds for God's reign through hospitality, service, and reconciliation with God and others.

## First Sunday of Advent

**"Readiness"**



November 29, 2020

Prelude	Karen Tro
Welcome	Bill
Call to Worship	Pat Hershberger

HWB# 178 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus  
HWB# 172 O Come O Come Emmanuel

Advent candle lighting Jon, Stephanie, Levi, Isaac Moyer

STJ #31 He Came Down - Jana

Children's Story Gina Hansen

Song: "O come little children" Chris Keady

Scripture reading – Isaiah 64:1-9 - Pat

Prayer

Message – "Jesus at Home - Readiness" Bill

HWB# 211 Lo How a Rose

Praise and Prayer Jana

Benediction Pat

8:45 am  
10:00 am

**This Morning:**  
Sunday School Class: "Color of Compromise"  
Worship Service via Zoom

**This Afternoon/Evening:**  
No Activities

**This Week:**  
Tuesday, 10:00 am Bible Study via Zoom led by  
Pat Hershberger



### ***Advent Worship Schedule:***

December 6 (Bill): **Jesus at Home ♦ Repentance**

Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15; Mark 1:1-8

December 13 (Jana): **Jesus at Home ♦ Restoration**

Isaiah 61; Psalm 126; Luke 1:46-55; 1 Thess. 5:16-24; John 1:6-28

December 20 (Bill): **Jesus at Home ♦ Revelation**

2 Sam 7:1-11; Luke 1:46-55; Ps 89:1-26; Rom 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

**Visual Arts:** Thank you to Joe Harris, (nativity) and Callan Arellano and Jana Gingerich for our Advent visuals. The intent of including these visuals in our virtual Sunday services, as in our inperson services, is to support our worship. They are prepared to help lead us into worship as we contemplate the coming of the Christ Child.

**Wreath and/or garland pickup** will be ready at Juana's house on Nov 29 after 9:00am. 4524 Pacific Hwy 99E Hubbard, OR 97032. Also, please be sure to get your wreath/garland payment to the church as soon as possible. If you bring cash, please indicate who you are paying for. Thank you! Make checks out to Zion Mennonite with "MYF" in the memo. Remember to add a little extra for MYF!

**Zion's Prayer Group** continues to meet via Zoom on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in joining, or if you have any requests you would like prayer for, please contact Sheryl Mast or Jana.

## Waiting.....



Waiting. Who likes to wait? I don't. Do you? Does waiting make you tired, too? Did you know Isaiah 40:31 tells us if we wait on God we will have MORE strength? I hope everyone can watch this

<https://youtu.be/obupAkeI3DQ>

Parents and other adults will enjoy it too.

<https://youtu.be/YrRXoR0PPU0>

Is a great song of truth about God's word!

<https://www.godsstorygodssong.com/week-26-comfort-to-jerusalem.html#/>

Jesus is the comfort that comes to the people. Jesus is the glory of God revealed.

Remember how much God loves you and will give you more strength during this time of waiting if you ask Him.

Love, Karen and Stacy

**Budget Report:** Thank you for your financial giving during this year. We are grateful for the blessings God has given to us. To date, giving is approximately \$32,000 under expenses. There are five weeks until year end. Please consider how you might help with our budget as we look to close out 2020.

**Office Hours:** All church facilities remain closed. Given the newest recommendations and state mandates, staff will be working from home. Please contact Bill, Jana, or Jodi by cell phone or email.

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### Stephen Ministry Vision:

God has blessed his people with gifts to be actively involved in meaningful ministry. One goal of the church is to equip God's people for the work of ministry.

As the body of Christ on earth, all God's people have been called to love and care for one another. Our church is growing in care, as Stephen Ministers serve here at Zion. Stephen Ministers listen, accept, care and walk with a person who is going through a difficult time. They provide support, prayer, Scripture, forgiveness, unconditional acceptance, standing by the person ministering to his or her spiritual needs as God works through the relationship to bring hope and healing. Talk to Pastor Jana if you desire a Stephen Minister, or have interest in the training to be a Stephen Minister.





## All-Church Christmas Card Distribution

**Sunday, Dec.13, 4:00-4:30 pm**

It's no secret that this year has created challenges for meeting and greeting others whom we sorely miss. Many people share Christmas Cards with each other in the congregation, but with church mailboxes not being used right now, we would like to help facilitate the spreading of Christmas cheer.

Between now and December 13, drop off your Christmas cards at the church office (look for Christmas box by glass doors-if church is locked), or at Judy Gingerich's house-3243 First Street, Hubbard OR.

All cards will be gathered and sorted, and before Christmas they will be hand-delivered to our church families.

In addition, our **Drive-Up Christmas Celebration** will be on **Sunday, December 13 - 4:00-4:30 pm.** You may drop off your Christmas cards and pick up treats and a gift from Zion for your

family.



## prayer

Pray for **Shirley Gingerich**, who will be having kyphoplasty procedure on Monday morning. May this procedure bring relief, and God's strength and peace bring healing.

In this season of **Thanksgiving**, we give thanks for the rich heritage of love, peace and non-resistance we have received from our Anabaptist forefathers. In working alongside other historic peace churches we are uniquely positioned to be light and love on this earth. It is our gift to the world. May it be so, Lord.

**Parents and caretakers** who are juggling many responsibilities and pressures .

**Mike Sherrill**, executive director, calls for a "Season of Re-Imagining" at Mennonite Mission Network. The disruption of COVID-19 has fostered a wave of creativity for equipping and empowering the church. Pray that the agency will continue to grow in engagement with the "new thing" that God is doing, as in Isaiah 43:19.

At the Paris Mennonite Center in France, **Matthew and Toni Krabill** help resource Anabaptist Christians to engage with issues of injustice and conflict. Pray that they would continue to draw on God's words to guide their ministry and that they will help others to be faithful to God's way.

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